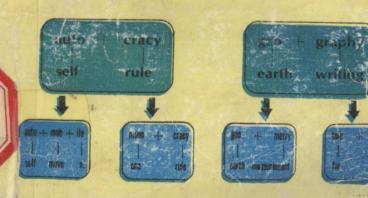
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## \* 序 言

傳統記單字的方法是一個一個慢慢背,不但費時費力,而且容 易忘記,這種方法已經落伍了!最好的方法是歸納分析相關的字群, 如此好記又不易忘。「英文字根字點」就是應這種需要而編譯的。

### 本書有下列幾項特點:

- 圖解字根:用科學方法分析字根,了解英文造字的規則及 典故,不但背單字能過目不忘,碰到生字時,還能攀一反 三,分析出正確的意思。
- 串連記憶法:藉著造字的規則及典故,掌握單字的來龍去 脈;一串一串背下來,形成有系統的整體,不必再據心拼 錯字。
- 3. 智顯最實用:每個單元之後的 Exercises 和 Review, 不僅是驗收成果的最佳方式,而且能單固態的字彙堡壘,歷久 獨堅。

熟讀本書,讓您背單字事半功倍、樂趣無窮。短期之內,保證字彙 增加六倍以上!

本書雖經審慎的編譯和多次的校對, 疏漏仍恐難兒, 尚析各方 先進予以指教。

編者 謹識

## 再版的話

「英文字根字彙」出版以來,得到許多讀者的同響。 最令我高興的是,很多讀者表示看了這本書後,不再將背 英文單字視為一件苦差事;相反的,看報章雜誌碰到新的 單字,就會用所知的字根來推敲其意義。有的讀者表示, 自從看了本書,許多以前容易混淆的字都弄得一清二楚了。 也有的讀者利用本書來準備托稿、GRE考試,成果卓越。

讀者能從「英文字根字彙」發振讀英文的樂趣,並且 增進實力,是我編譯這本書的目的,也是學習全體編輯的 一貫理想 。 懇請您繼續給我們批評和指正 。

編者 謹識

本書採用米色宏康護眼印書紙,版面清晰自然, 不傷眼睛。

## 揭開英文造字之謎

以理解字源的方法,來增强英文字彙能力,最快速而且最有趣;不但看過的單字歷久不忘,遇到新字還可以舉一反三,分析出它的意思。現在請試 閱下列單字,看看究竟對它們的典故知多少?

- \* companion [ COM with + PAN bread ] was originally a person who shared his bread with…(原義:拿出自己的麵包,與別人分享的人 今義:同伴)
- \* escape [ ES out + CAPE cape ] originally meant to go out of one's cape, leaving it in the hands of the pursuer… (原義:脫下按風留給追逐者而逃逸 今義:逃脫)
- \* insect [ IN in + SECT to cut ] was so named because its body is "cut" in three segments (意謂:其身體分有三節; 指昆蟲)
- \* malaria [MAL bad + ARIA air] was so named because people thought it was caused by the bad air of the swamps … (意謂:由沼澤中的瘴氣所引起的疾病;指瘧疾)
- pedagogue [ PED child + AGOGUE leader ] was originally a slave who led a Greek child to school … (原義: 帶希臘小孩上學的奴隸 今義: [輕度] 教師)
- preposterous [ PRE before + POST after ] originally meant having the before part where the after part should be (原義:前後倒置 今義:反常的;荒謬的)
- trivia [TRI three + VIA way] in Roman times meant the crossroads where three ways met and where women on their way to market stopped to chat about unimportant things (TRI VIA talk)…(原義:羅馬婦人在三叉路口閒話家常 今義:瑣事)

## 英文單字串連記憶法

只要得其法,征服英文單字並不難。請瀏覽下列一長串字鏈,相信您會 意識到英文單字「串連記憶法」的奧妙——掌握單字的來龍去脈,進而作相 關字的聯想。讀完本書之後,您的字彙能力必可突飛猛進,串連出更長的字 鏈。

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biped
                 兩足動物
                 [BI two + PED foot]
   pedometer
                 記步器;步程計
                 [ PEDO foot + METER measure ]
    geometry
                 幾何學
                 [GEO earth + METRY measure]
    geography
                 地理學
                 [GEO earth + GRAPHY write]
    biography
                 傳記
     1
                 [BIO life + GRAPHY write]
    biology
                 生物學; 生態學
                 [BIO life + LOGY study of ]
   theology
                 宗教學
                 [THEO god + LOGY study of ]
  atheist
                 無神論者
                 [A without + THE god]
  apathetic
                 冷淡的
                 [ A without + PATH feeling ]
sympathy
                 同情
                 [SYM together + PATH feeling]
symphony
                 交響樂;交響樂團
                 [SYM together + PHONY sound]
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telephone
                 電話
  1
                 [ TELE far + PHONE sound ]
 telescope
                 望遠鏡
                 [TELE far + SCOPE look]
microscope
                 顯微鏡
                 [ MICRO small + SCOPE look ]
microcosm
                 小宇宙;縮圖
                 [MICRO small + COSM universe]
    cosmonaut
                 蘇聯太空人
                 [COSMO universe + NAUT sailer]
    astronaut
                 太空人
                 [ASTRO star + NAUT sailer]
    astronomy
                 天文學
                 [ASTRO star + NOMY law]
    autonomy
                 自治
                 [AUTO self + NOMY law]
    automobile
                 汽車
                 [AUTO self + MOB move]
     immobile
                不能移動的; 一動不動的
                 [IM not + MOB move]
    infidel
                無宗教信仰的人
                [ IN not + FID faith ]
   confident
                自信的
                 [CON together + FID faith]
   committee
                委員會
                [COM together + MITT send]
  transmit
                傳達;傳播
                [TRANS across + MIT send]
  transport
                運輸
                [TRANS across + PORT carry]
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report
              報導;報告
   1
               [RE back + PORT carry]
              再發生
  recur
               [RE back + CUR run]
  excursion
              遠足;旅行
               [EX away + CUR run]
  exclude
              拒絕;排除
     1
               [EX away + CLUDE shut]
  seclude
              隔離;隱居
  1
               [SE apart + CLUDE shut]
              無慮的;安全的
  secure
               [ SE without + CURE care ]
     1
manicure
               修指甲
               [MANI hand + CURE care]
manuscript
               原稿; 草稿
               [MANU hand + SCRIPT write]
 subscribe
               簽署;同意
   1
               [SUB under + SCRIBE write]
 subversive
               顛覆的; 破壞的
               [SUB under + VERS run]
               爭論; 辯論
controversy
               [ CONTRO against + VERS run ]
contradict
               反駁;抵觸
               [ CONTRA against + DICT speak ]
benediction
               祝福;祝藤
               [BENE good + DICT speak]
benefactor
               行善者;捐助者
               [BENE good + FACT do ]
   facility
               容易;熟練
               [FAC do + ILITY ability]
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## 常見的字源變化

字源包括字首、字根、字尾,讀者在研讀時須留意:相同的字源可能會 因單字不同而略有改變。例如:EX意謂 out,如 excursion「遠足」,但 EX 會變成 ES,如 escape「逃脫」,或者只剩 E,如 educate。這種改變往往 是爲了使發音變得容易,讀者可試試 escape 和 educate 是不是比 excape 和 exducation 容易發音。以下是常見的字源變化方法。

一、字首的最後一個字	母變成與字根	的第一個字母相同:
COM nect		CON nect
COM loquial		COL loquial
COM relate		COR relate
DIS fident	-	DIF fident
SYN metrical	-	SYM metrical
二、字首的最後一個字	母變成相似的	字母:
EX cape		ES cape
COM temporary		CON temporary
SYN pathy		SYM pathy
三、字首的最後一個字	母省略:	
DIS vert		DI vert
EX ducate		E ducate
此外,字根的變化繁多	,效學一例,	其餘詳見本書內容,如CLUD意
to close; to shut:		
CLUD		seclude
CLUS		recluse
CLAUS		claustrophobia
CLOS		closet

至於字尾的變化比較容易分辨,讀者不難一眼看出其詞性,故不贅述。



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## 最重要英文字根

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### A, AN-not, without 「不;無」

\*當a或an加在某些字的字首時,通常是否定這個字的意思。比較atheist和agnostic,雖然它們都以a為字首,但意義上有很大出入,要特別注意。atheist[a=without; the=god]是指「無神論者」,而agnostic[a=not;gnos=toknow]是指「神不可知論者」。換言之,atheist是否定神的存在;而agnostic則認為要知道神的存在與否是不可能的。

atypical [e'tɪpɪkl] adj. 非典型的;不正常的

Such a serious concert by that rock group was certainly atypical. 那搖滾樂團舉辦如此嚴肅的音樂會,確實不正常。

asymmetric [,esi'metrik,,æ-] adj. 不對稱的

She preferred asymmetric flower arrangements.

她比較喜歡不對稱的揷花。

anonymous [ə'nanèməs] adj. 無名的;不具名的;匿名的 入情色的

The donor of the new building wished to remain anonymous. 捐贈 這棟新建築的人希望能不公開他的姓名。

anarchy ['ænəki]n. 無政府狀態

lit. without a ruler; political disorder and confusion

The overthrow of the government resulted in complete anarchy. 推翻政府的結果,造成完全無政府狀態。

atheist ['eθιιst]n. 無神論者

$$a + the + ist$$
 $| | |$ 
 $without + god + n$ 

 lit. one who is without a God; one who denies the existence of God

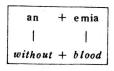
The atheist was unwilling to attend the church service. 無神論者不願意做禮拜。

agnostic [æg'nastık]n. 神不可知論者 adj. 神不可知論的

— one who thinks it is not possible to know whether there is a God

He had lost his former faith and had become an agnostic. 他放棄了從前的信仰,成了神不可知論者。

anemia [ə'nimiə]n. 貧血



 lit. without blood; a deficiency of red corpuscles in the blood

Her weakness was caused by anemia. 她身體衰弱是由貧血引起的。

### EXERCISE 1 將下列的字配合定義,填入空格。

A, agno	ostic B. atheist C. and	onymous				
D. anar	rchy E. asymmetric					
1	political disorder and confusion					
2	not having both sides exactly alike					
	one who does not believe in God					
4.	having an unknown or unacknowledged	name				
5.	one who doesn't know whether there i	s a God				
ERCISE	2 根據句意將EXERCISE 1的五個字,填	入空格。				
The au	thor of the book preferred to remain	on 4 moves				
2 The country was inuntil a new ruler took charge.						
3. He used to be an Own , not knowing whether there is a Go						
4. Now he calls himself an Arch, denying the existence of God.						
An Asu	arrangement of pictures gives a plea	asing effect.				
	All rights reserved. No part of this publicati may be reproduced without the prior permissio of Hsueh-Hsi Publishing Company. 本書版權爲學習出版公司所有,翻印必究。					
	D. analysis of the control of the co	D. anarchy E. asymmetric  1 political disorder and confusion 2 not having both sides exactly alike 3 one who does not believe in God 4 having an unknown or unacknowledged 5 one who doesn't know whether there is  ERCISE 2 根據句意將EXERCISE 1的五個字,與 The author of the book preferred to remain The country was in				

ANSWERS: EX.1 1D 2E 3B 4C 5A

4. atheist

EX. 2 1 anonymous 2 anarchy 3 agnostic

5 asymmetric

AMBI, AMPHI - both, around 「兩者;周圍 |

\* ambi 和 amphi 是「兩者;周圍」的意思,認識這兩個字根之後,很 多長的單字就容易記下來了。如 ambidextrous (ambi=both; dextr = right hand)的原意是「兩隻手都是右手」,一般人是右手 較爨活,既然兩手都像右手,引申爲「兩手都很靈巧的」。其他如 ambivalent 「情緒矛盾的」(ambi=both; valent = strong), amphitheater 「圓形劇場;競技場」(amphi = around)等較長的 單字,都會變得生動有趣了。

ambidextrous [ , æmbə 'dɛkstrəs ] adj. 兩手都很靈巧的

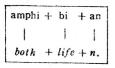


- lit. both right hands; able to use both hands with equal ease

She is ambidextrous in tennis.

**她對打網球很在行。** 

amphibian [æm'fɪbɪən] n. 水陸兩棲的動物;水陸兩用的飛機



- an animal that lives both in the water and on land. also, an aircraft that can take off and land both on water and on land

Trogs, toads, and salamanders are amphibians.

青蛙、蟾蜍、火龍都是水陸兩棲動物。

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ambiguous [æm'bīgjuəs] adj. 有兩種或兩種以上的意義的;含糊的

- having two (both) possible meanings

From her ambiguous answer I couldn't tell whether she was giving me a compliment or a veiled insult.

從她含糊的回答中,我分不清她是在恭維我,還是給我一種隱隱的侮辱。

ambiguity [ ,æmbi'gjuəti ] n. 兩種或兩種以上的意義;曖昧

the quality of having two (both) possible meanings

The ambiguity in his writing leaves the reader puzzled. 他的作品之中暧昧語意,使讀者感到疑惑。

ambivalent [æm'bivələnt] adj. 情緒矛盾的; 好惠相尅的

 having conflicting (both kinds of) feelings toward someone or something

He felt ambivalent about giving the speech, wanting to give it and yet dreading it.

由於想要發表而又害怕,他對發表此次演說感到矛盾。

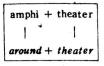
ambitious [ æm'bifəs ] adj. 有野心的;極欲獲得權力的

originally, going around for votes;
 today, a strong desire to succeed

She's ambitious to be president of the company.

她很想當這家公司的董事長。

amphitheater [ 'æmfə,θiətə, -,θiə-] n. 競技場;圓形劇場



- an oval or round structure with tiers of ? seats around an open space

The game took place in the amphitheater.

這比賽在競技場上舉行。

ambience [ 'æmbiəns ] n. 周圍 ; 環境



- the surrounding atmosphere; environment

That restaurant has an attractive ambience.



## EXERCISE 1 將下列的字配合定義,填入空格。 A. ambidextrous B. amphibian C. amphitheater E. ambivalent D. ambiguous \_\_\_\_l able to use both hands with equal ease 2 an open structure with tiers of seats around an open space 3 an aircraft that can take off and land both on water and on land 4. having two possible meanings 5 having conflicting feelings toward someone or something **EXERCISE 2** 根據句意將 EXERCISE 1的五個字,填入空格。 1 From the Senator's \_\_\_\_\_statement, it wasn't possible to tell what he intended to do. 2 She felt\_\_\_\_toward her brother, both loving him and hating him. 3 Luckily our plane was an \_\_\_\_ since we had to come down on the water. 4. He's \_\_\_\_ and can pitch equally well with either hand. 5 Every seat in the \_\_\_\_\_was filled for the game. ANSWERS: EX.1 1A 2 C 3 B 4 D 5 E

EX. 2 1 ambiguous 2 ambivalent 3 amphibian 4 ambidextrous 5 amphitheater